

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 854

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of G.L. Landiss of
Clarksville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of G.L. Landiss; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Landiss was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, known for his signature hat and pristine attire, G.L. Landiss was a respected and admired icon in the Stewart, Montgomery, and Houston county communities; and

WHEREAS, with an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, Mr. Landiss graduated from David Lipscomb University in 1927 at the tender age of seventeen, and, at the time of his death, he held the distinction of being the oldest living graduate of that noble institution of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, G.L. Landiss married the love of his life, Alice “Kate” Gillihan Landiss, just after the stock market crashed in 1929, and the two bravely ventured into the business realm, operating Landiss and Co. Dry Goods; and

WHEREAS, always possessing a keen interest in and passion for agriculture, Mr. Landiss was a life-long farmer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Landiss served with acumen and alacrity as a mail man for more than forty years, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, proactive in his quest to attract business and commerce to Stewart County, Mr. Landiss tirelessly endeavored to create the Stewart-Houston Industrial Park in order to

accommodate and support new industrial and commercial development projects and cultivate job creation and retention; and

WHEREAS, at the age of sixty-five, Mr. Landis began employing his proficiency with the written word as a grant writer and, after generating a copious amount of revenue, was named Director of the Highland Rim Economic Corporation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a wise and diligent businessman, Mr. Landiss was a dedicated civic leader who distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through his involvement with numerous organizations, boards, and commissions, including serving for twenty-three years on the Stewart County Commission and as a member on the Solid Waste Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Landiss was an active and devout member of the Cumberland City Church of Christ, where he faithfully served his Lord for many years; and

WHEREAS, G.L. Landiss was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Landiss was preceded in death by his beloved wife of seventy years, Kate; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Landiss was the proud father of Fred Landiss and Molly Jo Shaw; and

WHEREAS, G.L. Landiss leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of G.L. Landiss, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Landiss.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.